

# "I'M SURELY WIN," MAHER PROMISES.

## Irish Champion Ends His Training for Friday Night's Fight with Sharkey.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—Peter Maher has ended his training for his fight with Sharkey here Friday night. He is in great shape and his confidence as to his ability to win increases every hour.

This afternoon Maher made the following statement to an Evening World reporter:

"I am in good condition. I have trained faithfully for Sharkey, and if he defeats me I shall have no excuse to offer, but he is not going to beat me. I do not want to make any prediction as to the outcome, but if he makes good his threat he will have his hands full."

"I do not underestimate him and shall enter the ring prepared for a hard fight, but I was never more confident of winning in my life. I had him beaten in New York in 1907, when the police stopped the bout and unless I am greatly mistaken I can do the trick again when we meet. I am glad Sharkey has been training hard for the contest as he will not be able to advance any excuse in the event of being beaten. I am going in to win and if I don't succeed I shall be greatly disappointed."

As both men are bent upon carrying off the honors a hard, fast fight is expected. Neither is accused of being violent, and the followers of the game look for a exciting contest. The Irishman was followed by a crowd of his countrymen this afternoon, but soon after passing the Fairmount Park entrance he started to run, and in fifteen minutes he left them all far behind. Peter seemed to enjoy the discomfiture of his followers and took a short cut to the subway station, striking the main road about a mile away.

From this point he jogged quietly to the falls of Schuylkill, and then returned to the gymnasium of the Central Athletic Club, where he finished his day's work with horizontal bar exercises, a skid round bout and fifteen minutes' wrestling with Joe Goddard.

## FIVE WOMEN HURT IN AN EXPLOSION.

### MANHOLE COVER BLOWS UP IN SIXTH AVENUE.

Window of an Amsterdam Avenue Car, Filled with Passengers, Shattered.

An iron manhole cover two feet in diameter and one inch thick blew up at Nineteenth street and Sixth avenue this afternoon while both thoroughfares were thronged with shoppers. Five women were thrown down by the force of the explosion and three were severely injured. The window of a northbound Amsterdam avenue car, which was passing the corner, were shattered by pieces of the manhole cover, but the passengers escaped injury.

The manhole cover that blew up protected an opening in the conduit of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company. This opening is on the north side of Nineteenth street, a few feet from Sixth avenue, and close to the curb.

Mrs. C. H. Williamson, of No. 44 West Eighty-fourth street, and Mrs. Steigerwald, of No. 54 Second street, were closest to the manhole when the explosion occurred. Both were rendered unconscious.

Mrs. Steigerwald was shocked by electricity and burned by the stream of flame that followed the explosion. Mrs. Williamson was cut on the left leg by pieces of iron.

Mass A. Boyle, of No. 135 West Forty-seventh street, was the third one seriously hurt. Her left leg was broken.

The other two women who were thrown down by the force of the explosion suffered slightly from shock, and were able to go away without assistance. An ambulance surgeon from New York Hospital attended the injuries of Mrs. Williamson and Mrs. Steigerwald, who went home in cabs.

An hour after the first explosion a new cover, which had been put in position by workmen from the Edison Company, was blown from its place, but although there was a big crowd close by nobody was hurt. It is supposed that the explosions were caused by sparks from the wires igniting the gas that had accumulated in the conduit from the street mains.

## FEAR TYPHOON SANK BRITISH GUNBOAT.

### ADMIRALTY OFFICIALS ALL BUT ABANDON HOPE.

Another Vessel Will Be Despatched to Search for the Missing Conductor.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 15.—Hope for the safety of the British warship Conductor is all but abandoned.

Naval men here are convinced she went to the bottom during the recent typhoon, while on her way from here to Honolulu.

The Admiralty officials will despatch the Phœnix Saturday in search of her.

The Conductor is defined in the British Admiralty list as a screw sloop, she was built at Sheerness and was launched in 1898. She is of steel and sheathed and her tonnage is 980. She is 180 feet long, has 23 feet beam and draws 11 feet 6 inches.

Six four-inch quick-fire guns and four three-pounders constitute her armament. Her speed is 13 knots.

Her full complement of men is 130, and the last admiralty navy list gave her the following officers:

Commander, Clinton Selater; Lieutenants, James D. Mason, Hay Winthrop and Henry V. T. Proctor; Surgeon, Thomas S. Hartley; Assistant Paymaster, William H. Franklin; Gunner, Arthur D. A. Burns; Engineer, George J. Ditton.

She was commissioned at Chatham on Nov. 1, 1900, and practically all of her present crew joined her at that time.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold. Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents.

## NO SOFT "SNAP" IN HOOK AND EYE STOCK

### BROKERS WHO BOUGHT IT ARE NOW VERY SORRY.

Former Secretary W. A. Ellis, Who Suggested Purchases, Cannot Be Found.

You couldn't give away stock of the Snap Hook and Eye Company of America (capital \$100,000) on the curb today.

It was offered at a dollar a share with no takers. Yesterday it was up to 40.

The brokers who had some of it on hand were in a panic. They stowed around like Stock Exchange men on a Black Friday, but the ripples of the cataclysm did not get beyond the Curb corner.

So far as could be ascertained, the collapse came because W. A. Ellis, the company's secretary up to a day or so ago, ordered brokers to buy the stock. They did so. To-day they took a raft of it around to the offices of the company at No. 25 Broad street, to get Mr. Ellis to settle.

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Then the brokers went back to the curb and the bottom fell out of the Snap Hook and Eye market.

Mr. Jewellman told reporters that he did not know what became of Ellis. He said his company was in good condition and that the Board of Directors would elect a successor to Ellis right off.

"As far as the company is concerned," he said, "there is no reason for any panic. We are all right."

Ellis is said to have come here from St. Louis six years ago. He organized the Hook and Eye company last September under Delaware laws. Charles P. Phillips is president of the company.

## NO LEGAL PROOF OF BLACKMAIL.

### COMMISSIONER PARTRIDGE STILL LACKS EVIDENCE.

Believes, However, that It Always Has and Always Will Exist to Some Extent.

In an interview today Police Commissioner Partridge admitted that he had been unable to find any definite evidence of corruption or blackmail in the Police Department. He asserted the belief that blackmail always has and always will exist to some extent.

The Commissioner was asked: "I have no intention of the department now for fifteen days, have you discovered any evidence that blackmail and corruption have been rampant among the police?"

Col. Partridge replied: "I can't say every man on the force is honest, or that every man is dishonest. I have no intention of the department now for fifteen days, have you discovered any evidence that blackmail and corruption have been rampant among the police?"

"If citizens have any knowledge that blackmail is being paid to a policeman let them come to me with the facts and I will see that the guilty ones are punished. At the same time let me say that I am not anxious to consider every policeman a thief and a scoundrel. I think too well of mankind to hold such an opinion."

An Age of Excitement. What with tunnel wrecks, gold spells, elections, etc., the present age is a pretty exciting one to live in. But it isn't a period of some of the history—the period described in "A Gentleman of France," for instance. And, by the way, "A Gentleman of France," by Stanley J. Weyman, is a story you simply MUST read. You can't afford not to. It begins in to-morrow's Evening World.

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## ORGANIST BUCK QUITS HIS POST.

### RESIGNS WORK IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BROOKLYN.

Disagrees with Congregation's Officers After a Service of Twenty-five Years.

Dudley Buck, a noted organist, has resigned from the position of conductor of music in Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, after a service of a quarter of a century. There have been disagreements between the church authorities and Mr. Buck and he has expressed himself dissatisfied at the "musical limitations" to which he has been subjected. The resignation is to take effect May 1, and Mr. Buck will leave the church irrespective of whatever action is taken by the Music Committee, which it is understood, is not disposed to allow Mr. Buck to go.

Dudley Buck is sixty-three years old. He was born at Hartford, Conn., and from that city went to Chicago, where he remained until after the great fire. From Chicago he went to Boston. He remained there for about two years, playing in the great Music Hall. Next he went to St. Ann's Church, Manhattan, remaining there for a year. At the time of the severance of his relations with that church he came to Brooklyn, becoming the organist and conductor of music in Holy Trinity Church.

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## "GLAD TO GET OUT OF THIS COUNTRY."

### LORD ALFRED. 'I SHALL NEVER COME BACK,' NOBLEMAN ADDS.

Englishman Who Was Snubbed by American Society Leaves with Parting Shot.

"All I will say is that I am very glad to get out of this country and I shall never come back again. The country is God-forsaken."

With this parting shot Lord Alfred Bruce Douglas left this morning on the Teutonic for England. When the steamship was leaving and was passing the end of her pier he answered at the crowd that was waving goodbye.

Lord Alfred was a friend and companion of Oscar Wilde, the playwright, who died in France some months ago. He came here some weeks ago and went to Washington, where society refused to receive him. He then wrote a poem scolding Americans and the United States and had it published. He was especially bitter toward the Metropolitan Club in Washington, whose members are of the most exclusive set in the national capital.

Lord Alfred was seen just before the steamer sailed, and he made the remarks already quoted.

"Have you anything to say about the Metropolitan Club?" he was asked.

"I have said all that I am going to say. Please go away."

Gaston de Marsac. Were you ever broke? Were you ever in love? Either one is enough, but both together form a calamity. Gaston de Marsac was both in love and penniless. Yet from that situation he acquired enough excitement to keep him busy. Read his story in "A Gentleman of France," by Stanley J. Weyman. It begins in to-morrow's Evening World.

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## VERY LATEST NEWS IN BRIEFEST FORM.

### SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE SCORE.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—The 5 o'clock score in the six-day bicycle race was: McEachern and Munro, 400.8; Freeman and Mayer, 400.8; Gougoltz and Wilson, 400.8; Leander and Ritz, 400.3; Fisher and Chevalier, 400.7; King and Hadfield, 400.5; Barclay and Miller, 399.10. World's record, 400.2.

### LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS.

Fifth Race—Maggie Davis 1. Pigeon Post 2. Semicolon 3.

### DR. GREER OBJECTS TO ABATTOIR.

The Rev. Dr. David H. Greer, pastor of St. Bartholomew's appeared before the Health Department to-day to oppose the request of the Swift Packing Company for permission to build an abattoir in First avenue, between Forty-fourth and Forty-fifth streets.

### PARTRIDGE REFUSES TWO PENSIONS.

Mrs. Mary C. Burke, widow of Police Sergt. W. G. Burke, who died a month ago, was refused a pension by Commissioner Partridge this afternoon on the ground that she was not in her own right. The Commissioner, however, granted a pension of \$140 a year to Burke's daughter.

The application of Detective Thomas Beasley to be retired on a pension was also refused. The Commissioner contends that Beasley should continue on active duty, being well and strong. Beasley will make a test case in the courts.

### JOHN CARROLL NOW A BANKER.

John F. Carroll until a few days ago deputy leader of Tammany Hall, has been elected a vice-president of the Fourteenth Street Bank, and R. Ross Appleton was elected president to succeed George F. Vail, who becomes a vice-president.

### ALDERMEN VOTE TO SILENCE BRIDGES.

When Alderman Bridges attempted to make his fourth speech to the Board of Aldermen this afternoon President Fornes hammered with his gavel and shouted "Take your seat!" until Bridge sat down.

Then Bridges jumped up and shouted: "I'll talk here for my constituents no matter how many policemen you bring into this chamber."

Three policemen were in the chamber. Whether or not the patrolmen were summoned by Fornes is not clear. "We shall have no disgraceful scenes," said Fornes, "and I appeal to the chamber."

A vote was taken. The Aldermen unanimously voted to silence Bridges, in accordance with Fornes's ruling.

Alderman Bridges later declined to serve on the Committee of Education, the only one to which he was appointed.

### M'INTOSH WILL TESTIFY IF COURT ORDERS.

Attorney Garver, for Millionaire P. J. McIntosh, who refused to testify before United States Commissioner Klein, in the copper litigation, issued a statement this afternoon to the effect that his client knew nothing of the facts of the matters being inquired into, which arose prior to the formation of the Amalgamated Company, of which he is a director. If the Court so ordered, however, his client would testify, he said.

### WITNESS CONFESSES TO FORGERY.

William M. Fink, a witness in the case of Joseph P. Wilson, on trial for forgery before Justice Newburger, this afternoon admitted on the stand that he himself was guilty of forgery. Justice Newburger had him arraigned. He was committed to the Tombs to await the action of the District-Attorney. Wilson was found guilty after Fink had been put away.

### HUNTERS SHOOT FARMER IN THE FACE.

C. D. Ludskins, a farmer of Garrison, Staten Island, found Frank Tomasso shooting at birds on his land this afternoon. He attempted to drive Tomasso away, whereupon the hunter leveled his gun at him and fired his face with birdshot. Ludskins is severely, but not fatally, injured. Tomasso was arrested.

### PRICE OF STEAM COAL ADVANCED.

Coal of the kind used by steam plants—such as buckwheat, pea and soft—has been advanced 25 cents a ton by wholesale dealers of Manhattan. The retailers will make a corresponding increase. Domestic sizes are not affected. The advance is due to lack of rolling stock in the East.

### HARD TO GET JURORS TO TRY ANARCHISTS.

There was difficulty in getting a jury to try Nicola Gagiarbo, seventy-one, to-day in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court, for the murder last August of Frank Rabino. The prisoner's counsel admitted the defendant was an anarchist.

### SHE WAS PETER COOPER'S SERVANT.

Ellen Baker, seventy-four years old, once a servant in the home of Peter Cooper, the philanthropist, tried to leave Bellevue Hospital today to go to her home at No. 329 West Seventeenth street, but was too feeble from a broken arm and senility, and she had to remain.

### DROWNED MAN THOUGHT TO BE CHARLES SCHULTZ.

A body supposed to be that of Charles Schultz, of the steamship O. H. Northern, of this city, was found in the water at Erie Basin this afternoon. In a pocket was found a bunch of keys marked Charles Schultz.

### SAYS MILLER WOULD HAVE SKIPPED.

District-Attorney Clark, of Brooklyn, said to-day: "Certain parties were ready to pay \$74,000 in cash to-day to get 'Syndicate' Miller out. They had been indemnified against loss and Miller would have skipped."

# \$35,000,000 LOOP FOR LOCAL TRAINS.

## New York Central Directors Decide on Important Changes—Aldermen Demand Electricity.

The New York Central Railroad Company to-day announced that—An underground station would be built under the present Grand Central Station. Suburban traffic would be accommodated on an electric loop running in the existing side tunnels.

Stockholders of the road would be asked to vote a \$35,000,000 increase in the stock to make the improvements.

Coroner Scholer to-day impanelled a jury and began the wreck inquest by taking the jurors through the tunnel.

Alderman Parsons introduced a resolution this afternoon requiring the use of electricity instead of steam in the tunnel, and demanding that the change be made at once.

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## STRIKE OF AGED MEN IS FATAL.

### ONE IS DYING IN HOSPITAL. OTHER A FUGITIVE.

Quarrel Before Nuns, Aggravation Is Ejected—Returns and Slashes Comrade.

As a result of a quarrel over a trivial matter one old man lies in a hospital. Dying, another, friendless and feeble, is in hiding—a criminal.

George Gast and Dominico Brogo have been inmates of the Home for the Aged, an institution run by the Little Sisters of the Poor at Bushwick and De Kalb avenues, Brooklyn. Gast is eighty-one years old and the Italian sixty.

Saturday night while at supper they began a quarrel, which later developed into a fight.

Brogo was the aggressor, and the sisters in charge of the home expelled him from the institution. The old man left vowing vengeance.

This morning Gast was sweeping the sidewalk in front of the home when Brogo crept up behind him. The Italian carried in his hand a razor.

Gast fell to the ground unconscious. Brogo escaped and has not yet been found.

Gast was removed to St. Catherine's Hospital, where he is now in a critical condition.

## GIRL FIREBUG CONFESSES CRIME.

### SET FIRE TO THE JUVENILE ASYLUM IN 150TH ST.

Thirteen-Year-Old Esther Woolbridge Is Now in the House of Refuge.

Because she considered that she had been ill-treated, Esther Woolbridge, thirteen years old, confessed tonight that she set the fire which occurred in the Juvenile Asylum, one Hundred and Fifteenth street and Broadway, on Dec. 30. She made the confession to Magistrate Mott in the Harlem Court, where she was arraigned this afternoon on complaint of Fire Marshal Seery.

Upon hearing she said she confessed the Magistrate committed her to the House of Refuge.

Esther is a colored girl and she had been an inmate of the asylum for several months.

The fire started in the cloakroom of the building and did damage to the extent of \$100.

Several of the children escaped during the progress, and the police were called out to control them.

### WEATHER FORECAST.

Forecast for the thirty-six hours ending at 8 P. M. on Thursday for New York City and vicinity—Light snow to-night; partly cloudy Thursday; light to fresh south winds, shifting to westerly.

A Really Good Story. It is easy to accomplish great deeds for the sake of a woman who loves you. But to dare as much for a woman who hates and looks down on you is quite a different thing. One man did it, though, and with very unexpected results. Read about him in "A Gentleman of France," by Stanley J. Weyman, which begins in to-morrow's Evening World.

## TO SERVICES AS CHEMIST---\$18,000

### PROF. WITTHAUS'S BILL IN THE MOLINEUX CASE.

Makes a Charge of \$15 an Hour for Three Hundred and Sixty-six Hours.

Prof. Ralph A. Witthaus claims the city of New York owes him \$18,000 for his services as a chemical expert in the Molineux case, and has brought three suits to recover that amount.

The first suit, for \$5,000, is on trial before Justice Fitzgerald in the Supreme Court. It is for services in the investigation of the death of Henry C. Barnes at the New York Athletic Club.

Prof. Witthaus itemizes his bill, the first item being 366 hours work at \$15 an hour.

As a hired gardener, District-Attorney at the time, testified that he charged Witthaus on the case.

The professor in his own behalf testified that he was consulted by the District-Attorney with reference to the examination of Barnes's body and soil of the work that was done. For removing the viscera and taking it to his laboratory he charged \$20. For the analyses of the viscera of Barnes and of various poisons he charged \$50.

W. Osborne testified that in his judgment the services of Prof. Witthaus were necessary and that his charges were just.

Ex-Judge Butts, representing the Corporation Counsel, offered the contention that the charges were exorbitant.

Dr. Henry P. Loomis, who performed the autopsy on Barnes's body, testified that he charged \$25 an hour, and that Witthaus's charges were not exorbitant.

## 5,000 BOOKBINDERS STRIKE FOR UNIONS.

### BOSSSES WANT TO BE ARBITERS OF ALL TROUBLES.

Walkout Follows Announcement that Organization Will Not Be Recognized.

The trouble between the Bookbinders' Union and the Manhattan Association of Bookbinders resulted today in 5,000 bookbinders quitting work.

In all shops notice was posted this morning that hereafter the Bookbinders' Union would not be recognized in the shop, and the men decided to stop work until the question was settled.

The bosses want the men to settle all their difficulties through the Bosses' Association, but the men insisted upon doing business only with the shops separately and independently.

The men threaten a general strike if this demand is not granted.

### THURSTON TRIES POLICEMEN

Bears Evidence Against Offenders in Bronx Borough.

Policemen under charges in the Bronx Borough of the Bronx were tried in the Alexander Avenue police station today by Deputy Commissioner Thurston.

Six witnesses came up for duty and each was requested.

Policeman Taylor was accused of having failed to go to the stationhouse for a prisoner who was to be taken to court and on having failed to appear in court against the prisoner. He said that he had a witness and had failed to notify the superior. The prisoner, while waiting that witness and that was not sufficient to discipline, would not recommend more severe punishment than a fine.

## EXPERT SAYS LAW WAS NOT OBSERVED

### FORMER BOARD OF CITY RECORD ACCUSED.

"Open" Printing Contracts Agreed upon \$228,500 for Year of 1901, He Asserts.

In a voluminous report made to Comptroller Groat to-day, Charles S. Hervey, the expert accountant, makes various charges of alleged irregularity against the former Board of City Record.

This board in 1901 handled \$640,550. The budget for 1902 carries \$731,200.

It is alleged that in handling these sums the former Board of City Record—made up of Mayor Van Wyck, Corporation Counsel Whalen, Comptroller Coler and Supervisor Butler—did not observe the law which requires municipal departments to advertise for bids before letting contracts.

During the year 1901 these "open orders" or contracts made by the Board of City Record without advertising are stated by Mr. Hervey to aggregate \$28,500.

Moreover, it is alleged that the Board of City Record readily paid for certain supplies when the bills therefor were marked with a "red star."

Most of the alleged favoritism benefited the Tammany firm of Martin B. Brown Company, printers of the City Record—so the expert states.

"Special orders" to Martin B. Brown Company, approved on Nov. 27, 1901, amounted to \$18,824. Other "specials" for printing during 1901 given to the same firm and paid for forthwith amounted to \$15,674.80.

Orders taken from the annual requisition and approved as "specials" on Nov. 27—although the supplies were not then needed—are said to have amounted to \$200.

Red star work, as the expert alleges, was given to three printers—James H. English & Sons, J. W. Pratt & Co. and M. B. Brown Company.

Moreover, the expert charges that there was "skimping" in filling the contracts—that, for instance, inks were furnished according to specifications.

In reply to these allegations, Attorney Lodright, counsel for the Martin B. Brown Company, states that the charter specifically gives the Board of City Record the right to let contracts without advertisement.

"It is possible to read the law that way," said Comptroller Groat to-day.

## JAMES R. KEENE MUCH IMPROVED.

### MILLIONAIRE SPECULATOR IS RECOVERING FROM COLD.

Talbot J. Taylor, Son-in-Law, States Positively that There Is No Danger.

Talbot J. Taylor, son-in-law of James R. Keene, said to-day at 11 o'clock: "I have just left Mr. Keene, and you can deny absolutely that there is anything serious the matter with him. He has had a slight cold, from which he is now recovering and is sitting up in his room."

"He is intended coming down to-day, but we thought it better to wait for a day or two," said at the Waldorf-Astoria this morning that Mr. Keene was very much improved.

Perry May Have to Explain. WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Capt. Thomas Perry of the Iowa, may be called upon to explain the remarks he made at a banquet in Chili which might be construed as a reflection on Argentina.

WHERE THE MILLIONS MEET—The Want Pages of the Sunday World every Sunday.